

Claim 46 recites, "wherein a hermetically sealed, aluminum gas generator cartridge is provided within said tank." As discussed above, neither the Parkinson et al. nor Galbraith et al. references teach or remotely suggest a hermetically sealed gas generator cartridge. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of Claim 46.

Claims 19 and 20

Claims 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

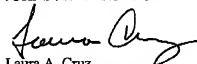
Applicants respectfully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 19 and 20.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-25, 40, 44-48, and 52-54 are allowable. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

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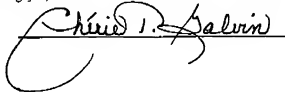
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